



# Foggy Bottom News

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## Next Meeting

NEXT MEETING  
Monday, September 30  
at 8 p.m.  
St. Paul's Church  
2430 "K" St. NW

## Your Rights in Condominium Conversion and Purchase

Our speaker at the next Foggy Bottom Association Meeting is Peggy Earner from the Office of Housing and Community Development, D.C. Government. She will discuss your "Rights in Condominium Conversion and Purchase." The meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 30, at 8 pm at St. Paul's Church 2430 K St., N.W.

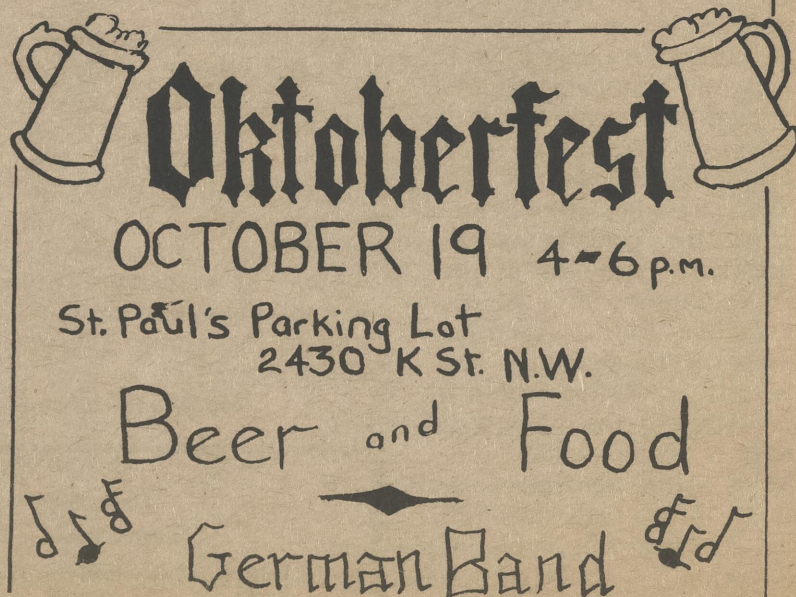
## Meet Your Neighbor

It's that time of year again... time for the Foggy Bottom Association's annual Oktoberfest!

There will be a live German band and, of course, beer.

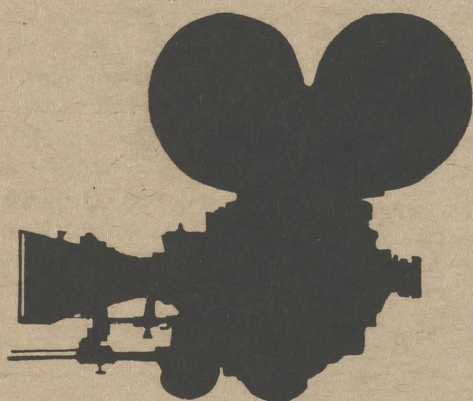
The date is Saturday, October 19... from 4 to 6 PM, and the location will be St. Paul's parking lot (rear of 2430 "K" Street, NW).

Be sure to mark the date and time on your calendar.



Attention:

## Movie Buffs!



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## Rent Control Law

Rent control began for Washington immediately after the mayor signed the regulation on August 1, 1974. It is short run, designed to protect tenants from excessive profit seeking, while allowing landlords increases which reflect rising costs and inflation. Tenants can use the new law to a) contest present unfair rents; b) fight future increases; c) oppose maintenance and service cuts; d) defend against unfair evictions; and e) enforce the housing code. But this law can work only if tenants know how to use it. This page is a mere summary, the ABC's of rent control, which spells out the basic elements of rent control for D.C.

### Fair Rent Level

A. 74% of D.C. residents are renters; and almost half should qualify for a rent decrease under the law's fair rent level. These are the steps to calculate fair rent level:

1. Find out the rent for your apartment unit for Feb. 1973.

It does not matter where you lived, because rent control applies to the unit. The law requires landlords to provide this information upon request.

2. Multiply this Feb. 1973 rent by .1232 to get the dollar amount increase permitted landlords by the law. example: If your Feb. 1973 rent was \$150;  $\$150 \times .1232 = \$18.48$  increase since Feb. 1973 (a 12.32% increase).

3. Add this maximum legal increase to the rent charged in Feb. 1973. example:  $\$150 + \$18.48 = \$168.48$ . This sum is the maximum rent you should be paying now.

4. If this sum is less than the rent you are paying now, you deserve a decrease. Your landlord should have notified you of a decrease by August 26, 1974. If not, the landlord has broken the law.

5. If you are given an increase you think you don't deserve, or if the landlord does not tell you the correct Feb. 1973 rent, call the Rent Commission (temporary no. is

629-5151). If you pay rent which was due after Aug. 1, 1974 and it's too high, you can later get it refunded through the Rent Commission. You can choose not to pay the rent if you believe it is excessive, BUT YOU MUST PLACE IT IN A SPECIAL "ESCROW" (OR SAVINGS) ACCOUNT until the Commission resolves your dispute.

### Poor Conditions

B. If your building is in poor condition (if there are substantial housing code violations) or if your services or living space have been reduced, you can oppose any attempt by the landlord to increase the rent. You can also petition the Rent Commission for a rent decrease, even if the landlord has not tried to increase the rent.

By D.C. Public Interest Research Group, Inc., 800 21st Street, N.W., Room 408, Washington, D.C. 20006. D.C. PIRG is a member of the city-wide housing coalition.



## Letters

### Downzoning

Dear Editor:

The recent down-zoning victory of north Dupont Circle citizens anxious to preserve the low density, mixed income character of their neighborhood should be of considerable interest to Foggy Bottom residents. For Foggy Bottom, like Dupont Circle, is experiencing high-rise development pressure as a result of its proximity to downtown.

The D.C. Zoning Office is currently considering down-zoning the areas of small houses in Foggy Bottom to low density townhouses, R-4. This re-zoning would preclude the construction of additional high-rises in the Foggy Bottom area. At the same time, the Zoning Office proposes to recognize the legality of existing high-rise buildings so that they will have a status which conforms to the zoning regulations. In this way, they will not become the slums of tomorrow.

I urge your readers to consider supporting a down-zoning proposal. If Ward 2 residents do not insist that downtown be defined and confined on the zoning map, private development pressures will displace current residents in the next few years.

Sincerely,  
Diana H. Josephson

### Oneway Street

Foggy Bottom Association:

May I make a suggestion regarding the one-way streets situation in Foggy Bottom?

I applaud the decision to make 25th Street between I and K one way but could we not by the same token make 26th Street in the same block two-way? That way, those of us who park in garages and lots north of Eye Street could get out of Foggy Bottom by way of Queen Ann's Lane and 26th Street without having to fight the rush hour traffic on K Street, which has added five minutes to my commuting-to-work time.

The problem of getting out of Foggy Bottom could be further alleviated by making the 800 block of 25th Street two-way. Neither of these actions would negate the desirable result of getting rid of the through-truck traffic.

I hope the Association will adopt this suggestion for transmittal to the Traffic Department.

Morella R. Hansen

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### August Meeting

Approximately 100 persons crowded into St. Paul's Auditorium on Monday, August 26, to listen to candidates for the D.C. City Council seat from Ward 2. Democratic candidates Kermit A. Miller, Diana Josephson, Mary K. Madison, Susan W.B. Meehan, John A. Wilson, James R. Haynes, Richard B. Westbrook, Wendell C. Robinson, and Republican candidate Robert R. Gleason appeared at the meeting. Clifford Alexander, Mayoralty Candidate for the District was an unexpected visitor, and attended as a "spectator."

Five minutes was allotted to each candidate. Talks centered on problems, proposed resolutions, and new programs were introduced. Questions from the floor, directed to specific candidates, made up the second half of the program.

The Association is grateful to all candidates for their participation, as well as to all residents who attended the meeting, which turned out to be an exceptionally fine event.

## TEN COMMANDMENTS OF FIRE PREVENTION

1. I will not let anyone in my family use gasoline for cleaning purposes.
2. I will not use or store any flammable liquid near heat, fire or any source of ignition.
3. I will see that all electrical appliances and cords are in a safe condition at all times and that all electrical circuits are properly fused and not overloaded.
4. I will not let oily rags, old paper, old toys or trash collect in any part of my home or around the house.
5. I will see that all matches are kept away and out of reach of all unauthorized users in my home.
6. I will see that no one in my home smokes in bed. I will also see that there are enough ash trays in my home for those that smoke.
7. I will see that my entire heating unit, kitchen stove and kitchen exhaust system are cleaned and checked twice each year.
8. I will see that drapes and curtains in my home are not hung too close to any heater or stove.
9. I will see that everyone in my home knows what to do in case of fire, knows at least two ways out of my home and knows how to call the Fire Department.
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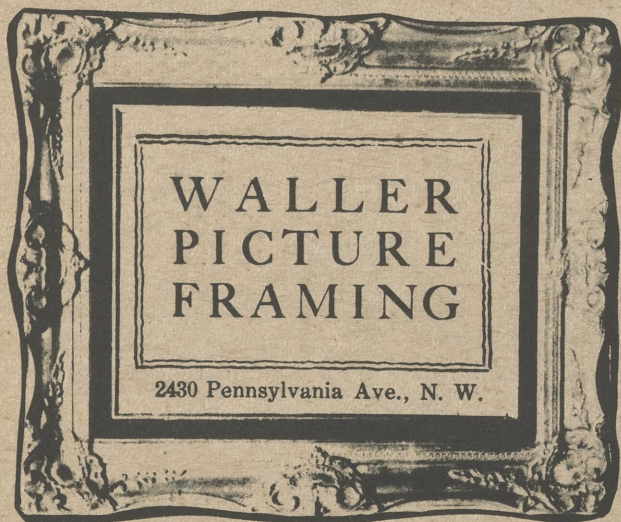
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vision or who wish to see certain parts again. They will also become a part of the Library's permanent collection and will be available for students in years to come.

At present the tapes will be shown to individuals and

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A special service and farewell reception in his honor will take place at the Church, 1906 H St. NW, on Saturday September 28 at 4 p.m. The Rev. George M. Docherty, DD, minister of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church will speak, and friends and outstanding public persons from across the Nation will attend to wish him well.

From time to time, Dr. McKenzie has been a guest of

former presidents at the White House and is highly respected by leaders and congregations of other denominations in the West End area of the city. He is popularly known for his ecumenical activity in connection with the West End Laymen Association, sponsor of the Palm Sunday Service at Washington Circle and other joint services of the nine churches in the organization.

Dr. McKenzie will continue as a District resident at 3812 Jocelyn St. NW. Plans for his successor at Western Presbyterian Church have not been completed.

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